in the old, unhappy past; a child of enlightenment, young Master High-Mind. He would not conclude questionable deals with M. Laval, truckle to Mr. Matsuoka or Mussolini, desert Haile Selassie in his hour of need. The Goliath of ruthless, over-bearing force would be laid low by this spirited David with his accurately aimed pebble sanctions.

Sanctions, which had already been in operation for some months, had proved somewhat disappointing; and it was hoped that Mr. Eden would impart a new vigour to them. They repre-sented in the public mind a means of engaging in warfare innocuously, a play-way or substitute war; enough war to cover a sixpence. When the aggressor reared his ugly head, instead of it being necessary to stiffen the sinews, summon up the blood, and advance against him, his purposes might be frustrated by peppering him with sanctions. Covenant-breaking Powers would go down before sanctions like reeds before a wind, and those who applied them suffer perhaps an incon-siderable pecuniary loss, but none of life or limb. Sanctions in our time, oh Lord!

The League's cumbrous machinery actually succeeded in functioning to the extent of inducing most of its members to put an embargo on trade in certain specified commodities with Italy; sanctions were instituted, and the institutors waited, or purported to wait, for the Italian campaign in Abyssinia to die of inanition. It seemed in practice to be not much affected either way. Oil, whose deprivation might have seriously impeded military operations, was, perhaps for that very reason, not

included among sanctionable commodities; a self-righteously imposed embargo on the supply of arms to both belligerents left Italy with an overwhelming superiority in war material, and by making full use of aerial bombardment and poison gas, an easy and quick victory was assured, and was hailed by Mr. Garvin as an outstanding and almost unparalleled achievement.

'Remember,' Mussolini had said, 'the Italians have always defeated black races.' Though this was not strictly accurate, they indubitably defeated the Abyssinians; and the pride, and perhaps